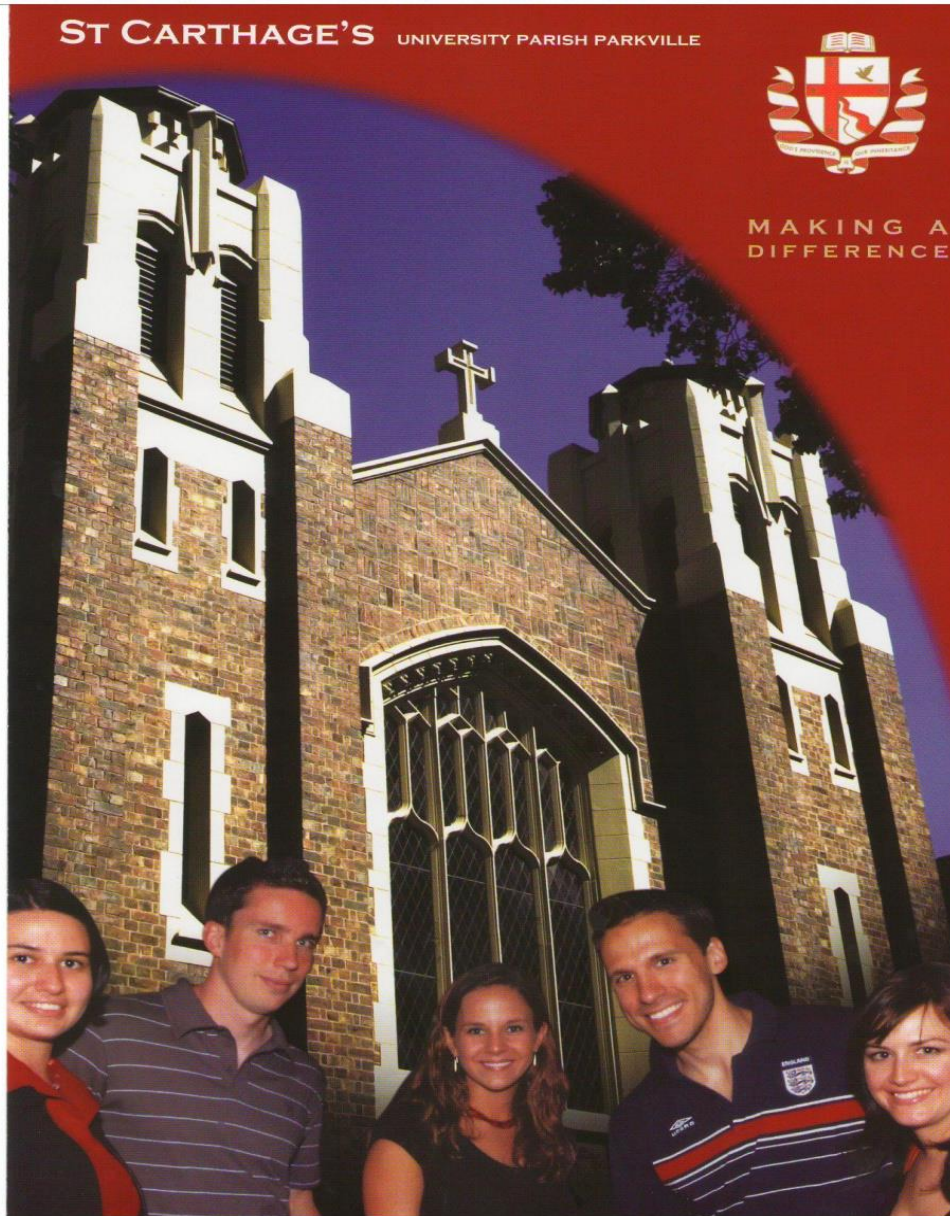




MASS TIMES
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am
Student's Mass 5:00 pm
10th March 2019

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER



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Music at St Carthage's

This Sunday Evening 10th March:

*** An ensemble from The Australian Chamber Choir will sing at the 5pm Student Mass.**

PRELUDE: Dearest Jesu we are here to hear your word - Johann Sebastian Bach

ENTRANCE: I will fill this house with glory - Eric Thiman

THE MASS: Missa Papa Marcelli - G P da Palestrina

PSALM 130 to a chant from Henry Purcell

COMMUNION MOTETS:

1. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Thomas Tomkins

2. Ave verum corpus

William Byrd

FINAL: Exultate Justi (Praise the Lord, ye righteous) - Ludovico Viadana



Next Sunday Evening 17th March:

*** The thirty voice catholic choir Excelsis return to sing at the 5pm Student Mass.**



On Sunday Evening 24th March:

*** The St Carthage's Music Group will lead the singing at the 5pm Student Mass.**



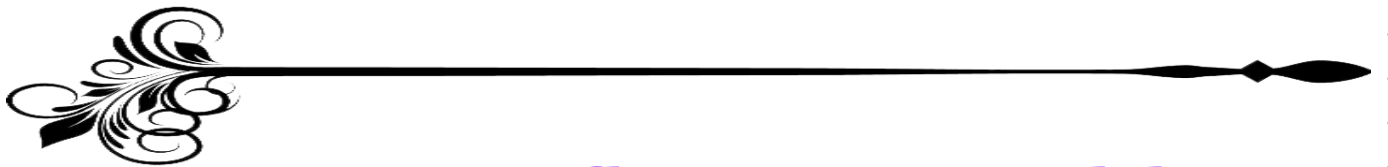


Lent 2019

Project Compassion

One of the ancient traditions of Lent is the belief and custom to care for those in need through the renewed commitment in our own lives.

Boxes and Envelopes are available in the Church porch.



Lenten Reflective Booklet

This year we have chosen Michael McGerr's Lenten Booklet "Forty Days to Freedom" Each Sunday Gospel is presented in a reflective way.

Superb resource to set aside a little or larger time to pray during Lent.

Available on table in the Church **\$10.**



We proclaim a crucified Christ
1Cor 1:23

Weekend 2-3 March 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

At a time when the early Christian community was at a very low ebb, experiencing internal shame and external criticism, St Paul acknowledged among his fellow believers that "if one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26). In this past week of great pain and shame, of bewilderment and disheartenment, has not our own experience as members of the Church in Melbourne been one of great suffering together?

The release of the news regarding the conviction of Cardinal George Pell for child sexual abuse has polarised our society on a broad level, from which none of us are immune. I want to acknowledge the devastating impact this may have had on each and every one of you, both in the release of the details and in how this news has been publicly received. Your heart is hurting; and your home of faith is hurting!

We will each experience any amount of confusing and conflicting feelings. At this time please reach out for support if you feel you need it, and be present to those around you who may need to talk, or even to have space, as they come to terms with what this means for them personally. Especially, can I encourage you to pour out your heart to the Lord, who holds each one of us tenderly in His love and care.

You have every right to hold your own personal understanding of what has unfolded. I ask that you be mindful of the judicial process still underway. Our opinions must remain respectful of this process, and our speech offered in charity. As in all things, and at all times, let our actions and words be offered in truth with love (Eph 4:15).

In all this we must never forget those who walk with this pain every day, whose lives remain devastated by the impact of sexual abuse inflicted on them in their vulnerability. To the survivors, to their families, and to their friends and colleagues, I again offer my deepest apology for wrongs that have been done by those who have abused their position of ministry and care.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne





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To all of you, I renew my commitment to work assiduously to bring justice and healing where needed. I also invite you to join with me in building up our local Christian communities in every way whereby our children, young people, and all who are vulnerable can safely and securely flourish in faith, hope and love. We can never do enough in this regard, for it is the true way of the Gospel. At the end of this letter you will find contact information for reporting and personal support, I strongly encourage you to use these if required.

You read this today having come to pray and join each other in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. You have gathered not merely in a building but as followers of Christ and friends in the Lord. The Eucharist is our greatest Sacrament of healing; may today bring you closer to the healing presence of our Lord and brother, Jesus. For "you are the body of Christ and individually members of it," and you do not stand alone (1 Cor 12:27).

May our Blessed Mother Mary, Untier of Knots, accompany us towards the light and hope of her Risen Son.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
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The Victorian Police SANO Task Force investigates past abuse that has occurred in religious and non-government organisations. If you have personally experienced sexual abuse, or know of someone who has, SANO may be contacted on: 1800 110 007 or through sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au Alternatively, you may dial Victoria Police on 000.

If you have experienced abuse by a member of the clergy, an employee, volunteer or a layperson of the Melbourne Archdiocese please contact the Archdiocesan Professional Standards Unit on (03) 9926 5630 or via: professional.standards@cam.org.au

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St Carthage's Men's Reading Group

The group meets again on Thursday 14th March

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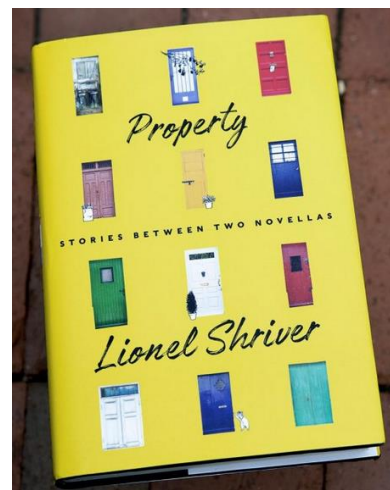
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New readers always welcome to join!

St Carthage's Womens Morning Book Club

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th at 10am

30 Bayles Street Parkville

Author:

Markus Zusak

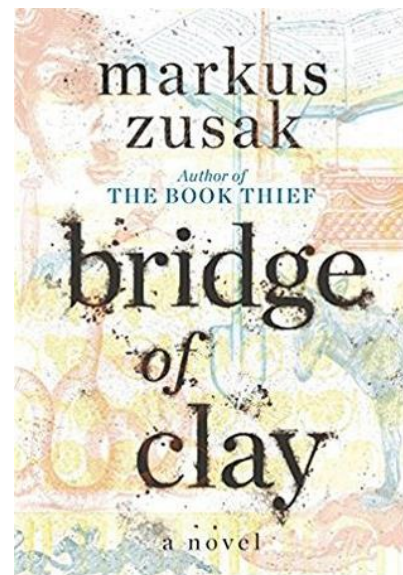
Book:

Bridge of Clay

Enquiries:

Carolyn Stapleton 0401 732 415

New readers always welcome to join!



BASP Discussion Night 1 – 2019
Wednesday, 27th March, 7.30 – 9.30 pm
At St Joseph's Hall 274 Rouse street, Port Melbourne
(back of bluestone church)

Arnold Zable, acclaimed writer and friend of Behrouz Boochani who wrote No Friend but the Mountains, will speak about Manus Island and his interactions with men on the island

There will be an update on BASP and the general situation for asylum seekers in Australia.

Why it is important to walk for justice

Particularly at this time as an election is looming, we need to deliver the message to all politicians that we want a fair society that welcomes refugees.

The tremendous community support for the #KidsOffNauru campaign has been effective in getting nearly all children and their families off Nauru. However, unfortunately, Australia's treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum remains punitive and unjust:

- * More than 1000 people are still languishing on Nauru and Manus, most of whom have been processed and recognised as refugees.
- * The USA has only provided selective resettlement (over 400 so far) for certain refugees from PNG and Nauru. Australia needs to take responsibility to find alternative, safe and permanent places for those refugees the US does not take.
- * The Australian Government is neither processing nor offering protection to the children and their families brought here from Nauru, who are placed mostly in community detention – so their uncertainty continues, which impacts on their health and well-being.
- * The Australian government still refuses New Zealand's offer to provide permanent protection for some of the refugees on Nauru and Manus Island.
- * Nearly 300 people continue to be held in on-shore detention centres – some have been held for more than 10 years.
- * Over 40,000 people are still on Bridging visas in the community, some waiting for years on their protection claim being processed
- * More than 1000 individuals in 2018 and 6000 more in 2019 face destitution in our own communities as the government withdraws basic income, case management and torture and trauma counselling support to people seeking asylum, many of whom have difficulty getting full time employment, having been denied the right to work for many years.
- * Even though eligible for citizenship, many people granted refugee status and permanent visas continue to wait for unreasonable periods, making it more difficult for them to feel secure and settled.
- * The Government actively separates families: husbands from wives, parents from children, siblings from each other. Families belong together.
- * The Government is continuing to deport people to danger, and thousands of people live with the threat of deportation
- * The Australian government continues to effectively deny many refugees permanent protection and access to family reunion.

